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## **ASX RELEASE**

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### **ASPIRE STRENGTHENS BOARD WITH NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS**

Mongolian-focused coking coal explorer Aspire Mining Limited (**ASX: AKM, Aspire**) is pleased to announce the appointments of Mr Andrew Edwards and Mr Mark Read as Non-Executive Directors of the Company, effective 1 July, 2011.

Mr Edwards is a recently retired senior partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers (“PwC”). Mr Edwards had a distinguished career with PwC spanning 35 years in Perth, Auckland and Sydney. He served as Managing Partner of the Perth practice for five years and led the Perth Advisory business. Mr Edwards is a past National Vice President of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (formerly Securities Institute of Australia) and past President of the Western Australian division of that Institute.

He currently serves as a Non-Executive Director of Mermaid Marine Australia Ltd, Nido Petroleum Ltd and is Non-Executive Chairman of MACA Ltd. He is also a past director of Calibre Global Pty Ltd.

Mr Read is the immediate past CEO and Managing Director of ASX listed coal engineering and technology company Sedgman Ltd. While at Sedgman, Mr Read was responsible for an overseas expansion strategy that led Sedgman to position itself in emerging high-grade coal regions including Mongolia and Mozambique. Prior to his appointment as chief of Sedgman, Mr Read was General Manager of Mining and Metals and Executive Director of engineering services firm Sinclair Knight Merz, where he was employed for 20 years.

Aspire also announces the resignation from the Board of Mr Russell Lynton-Brown. Mr Lynton-Brown has served as a Non-Executive Director of Aspire since 2006 and was involved in Aspire’s acquisition of the company’s flagship Ovoot Coking Coal Project. The Aspire Board thanked Mr Lynton-Brown for his significant contribution to the Company and wished him well in his future endeavours.

Aspire Chairman, Mr David McSweeney said the change in the Board’s composition was a natural evolution for the Company: “We welcome the appointments of Andrew Edwards and Mark Read to the Aspire Board. Both are leaders in their respective fields and bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the Company, which will help guide us through our next exciting growth phase as we move from an explorer to a mining company.”

“I and the rest of the Aspire Board sincerely thank Russell for his involvement in the Company’s significant development over the last five years,” he said.

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### **About Aspire Mining Limited**

Aspire is listed on the ASX (Code: AKM) and owns 100% of the Ovoot Coking Coal Project in northern Mongolia which, in 2010, announced a maiden 330.7 million tonne resource (93.3mt Measured, 182.4mt Indicated, and 55.0mt Inferred). Aspire is currently targeting resource upgrades at Ovoot, as well as progressing development of key infrastructure including access to rail.

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### **Competent Persons Statement**

*The technical information contained in this announcement in relation to the JORC Compliant Coal Resource for the Ovoot Coking Coal Project in Mongolia has been reviewed by Mr Chris Arndt and Dr Bielin Shi of CSA Global Pty Ltd. The information in this report that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Dr Bielin Shi, who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Dr Bielin Shi has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which she is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves".*

*Mr Arndt and Dr Shi of CSA Global Pty Ltd consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.*